



## Toc H Annual Report 1972-73

The Annual Report of Toc H and Toc H Women's Association  
for the year ended 31 March 1973  
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Each Toc H year seems to have its own character, moulded by a particular event in it. The year just ended will be forever marked by the death of our Founder Padre, whose presence, whose voice, whose influence and whose legacy are so positively with us still.

Of all the many tributes paid to Tubby, I find none more fitting than a simple one, paid in fact, during his lifetime, by Lord Nathan in his introduction to Tubby's book, 'To Conquer Hate'. He said '... he carries after his name two simple letters, which I do not doubt he cherishes beyond all else that might be offered him—CH: Companion of Honour. What tribute more valid, or more apt for Tubby than to be acclaimed one of the shining Company of Honour'.

How fortunate we all are to have lived awhile within the range of that shining companionship. Tubby's influence on men's lives at many times and in many places is incalculable. What has that influence been in yours, in mine?

When the head of a large family dies, there are, when the first sorrow has subsided, two dangers which sometimes follow; firstly that the family feels bewildered and rudderless; secondly that the relatives quarrel over the estate. Tubby, in the words of St Paul, was a 'burning and a shining light', whose warmth and illumination we shall miss for a long time, but he has passed the torch to us and if we remain bewildered and uncertain of our path we shall be failing him.

That part of Tubby's estate which concerns us is the future of Toc H and its contribution to this rapidly changing world. Shall we quarrel over that? I pray not. There will be argument, healthy argument, something which Toc H, at its best, has always been rather good at. When





progress is not as fast as you would like to see, when there is doubt, when there is discouragement, think again of Tubby when he said in 1927, 'Remember the plucky disciple, who said "Some failed and gave up ; I failed, and went on".'

Longfellow was thinking along the same lines when, writing of St Augustine, he esteemed him because

'The heights by great men reached and kept  
Were not attained by sudden flight,  
But they, while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the night.'

That is what we have to do now. We must pause and take stock at this point in our own lives and in the life of Toc H. We must ask ourselves, 'What have we done ? What have we yet to do ?' If Tubby's life and example mean anything more than fine words, we cannot offer less than our best, less than our every gift.

Pray for each other, pray for the leaders you elect, pray for the staff you employ, and when courage fails take heart in this message from Tubby himself,

'What more could we need than God has given ? You have true work before you, brothers beside you, and your God above you. Do not give way to trouble in your heart, but make it little—Christ can conquer trouble.'

**Betty Cornick** *Chairman*







at the centre

## The Year

The events of this year's report have been overshadowed by the death of our Founder Padre, the Rev P B Clayton, CH, MC, DD. Tubby celebrated Holy Communion in the Upper Room at the Old House, Poperinge, for the last time on Sunday, September 17 1972. On December 12 he officiated happily and vigorously at his birthday party at 42 Trinity Square. On December 16 he died in his sleep in his own flat there.

His funeral service in All Hallows was conducted by the Vicar; and the coffin, with the Queen Mother's wreath on top, was carried out by Yeomen Warders of the Tower of London with which he had formed such close links.

At the Thanksgiving Service in St Paul's the Cathedral was packed almost beyond capacity. There were dignitaries in plenty: representatives of the Queen, the Royal Family and the Lord Mayor; the Vice-Patron, Angus Ogilvy, and Presidents and Vice-Presidents. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of London both took part in the service which was conducted by the Dean; and the Rev Austen Williams, an old friend of Tubby's and an ex-staff padre, gave the address. But although there was reverence and formality there was equally a happy and thankful family atmosphere.

And so we said goodbye to one of the most remarkable men of our time. This is no place to repeat the eloquent tributes that were paid to Tubby but they were many and memorable. It is now for us to continue 'the good thing thus begun'.

Some say that we are lacking in endeavour and initiative. These are contradicted in terms of endeavour by the pages that follow

for the work can be seen to be varied and expanding. As for initiative, the planning that is found in the paper 'Strategy for the Seventies', which received Tubby's personal blessing at the Central Council last November, has been providing much hard work and thought for a number of working parties and the Planning Sub-Committee since then, and has produced many new ideas which will themselves provide us with problems for the future. Whatever we are we are not proving afraid of experiment or constricted by framework. Equally the new income from the sale of 15 Trinity Square has provided us with much need for work and thought, and new opportunities, which are reflected in the Treasurer's report.

### Committees

The Central Executive Committee continued to meet every six weeks and has tackled an enormous amount of forward thinking and detailed discussion. It now meets in the Tate & Lyle Room at 42 Trinity Square and one of the last lessons Tubby taught was that in this room it is essential to SPEAK UP.

The words of the last Annual Report on the main sub-committees could be repeated verbatim this year. The fact that the Planning, Methods and Personnel sub-committees all had the same chairmen as last year has given

us the obvious advantages of continuity and experience.

### Membership

The number of members dropped by 724 during the year, but 768 new members were recruited. The figure of contributing Builders dropped by 338. The details are in Appendix 2.

### Staff

During the year there were, as usual, several changes in the composition of the Staff. Jack Kirby joined the Headquarters team as Accountant in succession to George Barnett. Judy Auton and Brian Griffin joined the South East Regional Staff with special responsibilities in Oxford & Thames Valley and Kent respectively, and Bob Mills took over the Croydon Centre in succession to Peter Barlow. Lilian Ayres joined the Staff in Scotland as Projects Officer, and Jimmy Cliffe, formerly Area Chairman in Yorkshire, joined the Midlands Regional Staff, working in North Lincolnshire in a part-time capacity. As Long Term Volunteers we received Wayne Kistner, a former Winant Volunteer, to work in Birmingham, and Alan Guy, who has now joined the full time Staff in South Wales after a stint based on Portsmouth. On the debit side we lost Bob Hilton, who had to resign as Warden of Mark V due to ill health,



The Rev Tubby Clayton, Founder Padre of Toc H, who died on December 16 1972. The picture was taken during the series of conversations in a friend's flat which were tape recorded to make the record *Tubby Talking*, now available from Wendover.

Photo: John Chestnut



and Nancy Griffiths, who left us to devote more time to domestic affairs. The Rev Gualter de Mello left Mark III to take up work with the Ugandan Asians, and Pat Rice left the South East Regional Projects Team to return to teaching. To each and all of them we give our thanks, together with our good wishes for their future. Finally, Elsa Perrin retired after twenty-six years of service to the Movement, and to her we express not only our thanks but our heartfelt hopes that she may enjoy a long, happy and well earned retirement. From the Honorary Staff there resigned Jack Molyneux, on health grounds and Gillian Walker, in order to devote herself to Toc H at District level. We owe much to the work and leadership of Honorary Staff, and we thank both Jack and Gillian for all their efforts in that capacity.

#### **Public Relations**

Toc H is slowly becoming more interesting to those working in national media. During the review period journalists from broadcasting and national newspapers have approached the office for information. We could tell a more impressive story if every Region were to pass news of their planning direct to the public relations office. The BBC included Toc H in a religious instruction series for schools entitled 'Quest'. A colourful book accompanied the series and included a page about the Movement's history and activities. This was a general sale publication and many copies were sold. All the quality dailies received news at some time during the year and some of the better regional dailies and evenings gave more space to Toc H. An encouraging sign for which we are grateful to editors. Several magazines enquired about Toc H and others were syndicated with features. Noticeably the magazine for NAAFI which produced a good



project article; the magazine entitled 'Welfare Officer' with a generous amount of space devoted to a broad look at Toc H and an agreement with The Boys' Brigade, to exchange feature material encouraging greater co-operation between the two movements.

Branches celebrating jubilees were assisted in many ways. News stories were written, ideas discussed, publicity campaign artwork arranged, visits made to explore exhibition possibilities—most of which resulted in very good coverage. A public relations weekend was held at Alison House using experts from journalism and advertising. Their services were given free and the weekend was well attended. A direct result is an increase in the use of local radio reported to us from many different branches. Another weekend is planned for September 1973.

Plans are in hand to produce new exhibition kits, giveaway leaflets, poster sets and project publicity. Leaflets for the Colsterdale Centre, Alison House, Talbot House Poperinge and several individual projects have been produced. Strong links have been established with Forces' Radio. Three interviews have been broadcast this year and others are planned. We are pleased with this opportunity of putting Toc H before the public but activities this year would have been more difficult without the talent and enthusiasm of Sue MacWilliam, the new PR Assistant.

Negotiations with large newspaper groups have been started to syndicate Toc H features. Philip Barron, a successful consultant, is assisting us with this campaign.

A new training programme using tape and the opinions of specialists is being planned on a variety of related subjects and will be available to branches next year.

New ties are available in a choice of four background shades. Branch and vehicle identification is increasing but there are still many locations badly publicised and consequently losing some community impact. Two car stickers will be produced this year.

An innovation is the installation of a small offset litho printshop under the expert guidance of Mrs Elsie Turner. The plant has produced over 700 jobs from all parts of the UK this year. The most severe tests were the new 'Pattern for Devotion', and the printed matter necessary following the death of the Founder Padre.

From the first recommendation of 'Strategy for the Seventies' that 'we seek every opportunity to interpret within the Movement and outside our commitment' Toc H is engaged in a public relations exercise. The appointment of local information officials who can be trained over a period is now at least as important as appointments for routine local administration.

### Point Three

The possibility of replacing 'Point Three' with a monthly newspaper was discussed during the year. In December the Central Executive decided that the magazine should continue in its present format for at least two years. At the same time the Executive decided against making any increase in the selling price of the magazine despite steadily rising production costs.

Throughout the year the magazine has continued to carry news of new developments within Toc H, to act as a forum for debate on the Movement's policy and purpose and to provide information about some of the societies with which we work.

### Appeals

Builders' subscriptions amounted to £7,761 plus £1,796 tax recovered on deeds of covenant. Donations received totalled £7,322. To the Builders and the donors we are again extremely grateful.

The list of legacies printed in the Accounts section of the Report shows a gratifying record total of £46,876 from this source. Two specially generous gifts were among the many valuable bequests. Mrs Doris Monger, a member of Leigh on Sea branch and a Toc H Builder, died in 1967 and bequeathed the residue of her estate to four charities

on the death of her husband; Toc H received £18,712. Hubert Secretan, a President and former honorary Administrator who died in 1969, in addition to a legacy, bequeathed his residual estate to Toc H; the main part of it, £7,978, only became available during the year. With a sum received since the end of the year, Hubert's total benefaction will be £11,622. Among the bequests, no less important for their small size, were legacies of £5 from Roy O Jones, a founder member of Old Colwyn branch, and Miss Christine Miller, a Toc H Builder of Wick for 30 years.

The Appeals Committee met only once during the year and that was following Tubby's death, to discuss with the Trustees the arrangements for the memorial fund.

The Tubby Clayton Memorial Fund was launched in a letter to 'The Times' on January 3 1973 signed by the Vice-Patron, the Archbishop of Canterbury and twenty-three others. By the end of March, a total of £14,320 had been received, including the gift from Toc H itself of £10,000, a recognition of the immeasurable debt the Movement owed the Founder-Padre. At Tubby's own request in a letter, the Fund will be held as a separate Trust and be administered by the Trustees of Toc H. Contributions continue to be received, notably from the branches. It is planned to invite wider help from companies and business interests in the City of London and other city centres in order to reach the total of £50,000 considered necessary to achieve the objects of the Fund.

### BAOR

Our Clubs remain as popular as ever. The sales figures offer sufficient proof, remarkable perhaps in the light of continual postings to Northern Ireland. That we are, in fact, making a small profit and that the turnover is close on £½m a year shows the scale and success of our 'holy groceries'. While father is away, Toc H provides a friendly place where families can meet each other and sometimes discuss their problems with our staff. For all who use our Clubs the service we provide is of a 'personal' nature. In



canteen, bookshop or giftshop we endeavour to create a friendly atmosphere important to the surprisingly unsophisticated young couples and single soldiers afoot for the first time in a strange land, away from their kinsfolk and unable to surmount the barrier of language.

As 70 per cent of the Army in Germany consists of married men, Commanders are faced not only with the task of attaining operational efficiency but also with new and growing problems of the Army's own urban communities. Toc H makes its bid to help. This year at Paderborn 12 volunteers from Britain assisted by members of local youth clubs are to run a playscheme for children living in blocks of flats away from the main community. At Wolfenbuttel, where absence in Northern Ireland is a constant factor, our staff are closely involved with the Padres in dealing with difficult problems which arise in situations where there are not professional welfare workers to help. Perhaps these examples give an inkling of a role we can fill. But such opportunities can only be seized from the base work of the Clubs and if the resources of staff and cash are available. As at home Toc H points out in practical ways that 'welfare' needs the leaven of Christian compassion.

Our staff in Germany deserve the thoughts and thanks of the Movement for the splendid work they do in its name.

### The Old House

Although the Houseparty Weeks had to be cancelled through lack of support, the number of organised party visits to the Old House was more than in the last few years. Additionally, a growing number of Toc H families and friends are travelling independently in their own cars, and discovering the advantages of using the Old House as a base for Continental holidays.

During the early part of the summer, the outside of the House was given a bright 'new look' when extensive repairs and redecorations were carried out. We are grateful to Poperinge Town Council, who

made a large donation towards this work.

The Band of St Stanislas College, Poperinge, visited London for a week in July for the second year in succession, and their visit was again an unqualified success. Many of the boys stayed in private homes in the Hackney area, although they were all fed at Prideaux House. As well as playing in Trafalgar Square and other parts of London, the Band also visited Tunbridge Wells and St Albans.

During August, two Toc H projects took place in Belgium, and one of the highlights for the volunteers on both projects was a visit to Poperinge and the Old House.

In September, a number of Toc H members and staff were in Poperinge during the Hop Festival weekend, which was also attended by a delegation from Wolnzach, Poperinge's 'twin-town' in the hop-growing region of Germany. On the Saturday afternoon, at the request of the Town, Talbot House played host at a Garden Party attended by well over 200 people, including the British Ambassador, the British Military Attache, and their wives. On the Sunday morning, Tubby celebrated Holy Communion in the Upper Room. After breakfast on Sunday, there was an International Mass in St John's Church, when British, Belgian and German delegates each read a short passage in the presence of a full congregation.

Over 100 people gathered on Tower Hill on 18 November for the eighth Reunion of the Friends of Talbot House.

Thirty friends from Poperinge, including the Burgomaster, Town Clerk, the Dean and the Director of St Stanislas College, came to London to attend Tubby's Memorial Service at St Paul's Cathedral, and in February a special mass in honoured memory of Tubby was celebrated at St Bertin's Church, Poperinge. This was attended by our Director, General Secretary, and other delegates.

The Lamond family are now happily settled,

**Toc H is concerned with the development of the whole man and clearly the arts have an important part to play in this. The annual music and painting weeks at Dor Knap have proved extremely popular and many of those who attend discover in themselves talents they didn't know they possessed.**

Photo: Ian Dawson





and all visitors are assured of a warm welcome.

The total number of 'bed nights' for the year was 755. We are very grateful to the Friends of the Old House for their donation of £225. The accounts at the end of the year showed a surplus of £185.

#### **Alison House**

A varied assortment of bookings has kept Alison House fully occupied during the year, with several new groups visiting as well as a welcome return of regulars. The excellent location in the Derbyshire hills has attracted Geographical and Field Studies courses, whilst the historical interest and the comfort of the house have led local organisations—including the Arkwright Society—to hold their meetings there. A Senior Citizens' Lunch Club has got off to a good start, but the suggestion of mid-week bookings has not brought the response hoped for.

During the year the Chairman of the House Management Committee, Mr Denis Gilman, had to resign, as he has been drawn into the new Local Government planning. We take this opportunity of thanking him sincerely for his part in steering the committee from the beginning, and of welcoming the new Chairman, Mrs Marjorie Berry, of Wolverhampton.

It is proposed to have a Toc H Display Unit installed, with literature available, which will give information about the Movement to the many visitors who are not members. But as the House was given for Toc H purposes, it is hoped that members will continue to support events planned by Headquarters and the Districts, and also the summer Holiday Weeks, and to play their part in establishing a spirit which reflects the true fellowship of Toc H. There is a great opportunity here and we are indebted to the Warden and the members of the Management Committee, who do their effective best to meet the needs of a great variety of parties.

#### **Dor Knap**

Almost 1200 people came to the House in

These boys escaped briefly from the tensions of Belfast last summer and enjoyed a holiday at the Toc H Children's Holiday Centre, Rhyl, North Wales.

Photo: Rhyl & Prestatyn Gazette





the year, a new record. The average number in each party rose slightly and cancellations were the lowest for many years. These are important factors in the running costs of Dor Knap and the Committee wish to place on record their appreciation of the efforts made by the convenors of parties in achieving this. Unfortunately a VAT surcharge of 10 per cent has had to be made, but bookings for the year ahead are full.

The Committee has also been encouraged by three generous decisions during the year. The furniture, floor coverings and curtains have been in use since 1959 when Dor Knap was first acquired, and a programme of re-furnishing will be possible during the coming year with an allocation of funds from the new income to the Family Purse. The Langdale Trust, which has made generous grants to Dor Knap in the past, has given £300, which will also be available. A memorial fund to Ted Cornick of Weymouth has been allocated for bursaries to enable young people to come to Dor Knap.

Plans for the second Cotswold Festival on September 1 and 2 1973 are well advanced, with a full programme of music, drama, arts and crafts, and poetry on each day. The success of these special events and of the regular parties throughout the year is due in no small measure to the cheerful work of Tommy and Dorothy Trinder, who are now in their tenth year as Warden and Cook.

#### **The Winant and Clayton Volunteers**

Although the Winant and Clayton Volunteers scheme has always been closely associated with Toc H it has up to now operated under a separate legal constitution. The Winant and Clayton Volunteers Association took steps in the latter part of the year under review to wind itself up as a separate legal entity, and the scheme will in future be run directly under the auspices of Toc H. Funds with which to subsidise the cost of travel to America will, however, continue to be raised separately.

The American committee has in the past few years made strenuous efforts to increase

its scholarship fund so that the groups it sends may be more of a cross-section of American youth. As a result we were delighted to welcome two American Indians in the 1972 group of Winant Volunteers. It has been agreed that the Winant Volunteers, like their British counterparts, shall in future receive free board and lodging from the organisations in this country for which they work.

The 1972 group of Clayton Volunteers numbered 29, and included newly-appointed South Eastern Region staff member Judy Auton. One new assignment last summer was in Pittsburgh, where a volunteer helped on a survey of housing conditions in one of the depressed areas of America's premier steel city.

#### **Loch Eil**

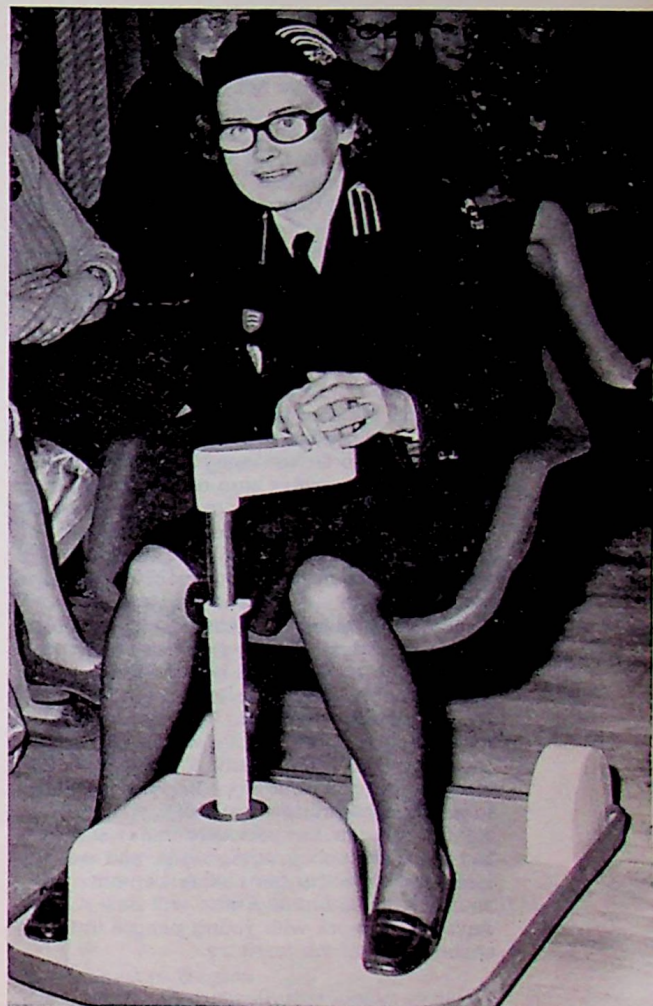
Thanks to annual generous grants from the Dulverton Trust the Loch Eil Centre continues its Christian character training on the hills, and in canoes and sailing boats on the loch, for youths of 16 to 19. Courses will in future include girls. The centre is now run in conjunction with the splendid training schooner 'Captain Scott' and the combined Board of Governors has been restructured with two sub-committees. Toc H retains representation there and on the board of Trustees and it is hoped that closer links with the membership will now be built up.

#### **The Bordon Company**

The members of the Bordon Company have been giving serious reconsideration to the role of the Company in Toc H, and a weekend at Dor Knap was convened to which members came from four Regions. Interested and curious non-members came with them, and the follow-up will be evident in 'Point Three' and in arrangements for quiet days in small groups around the country. The Bordon Company hope thereby to encourage the necessary 'waiting on the Spirit' which was never more important in Toc H than now.

Several branches raised money during the year to purchase the new Chairmobile, designed by Lord Snowdon. Clacton branch in Essex arranged for this demonstration of the mechanically propelled chair.

Photo: East Essex Gazette







## in the regions

### Midland Region

The year in the Midlands has been much like the 'Curate's Egg'—parts have been excellent, parts have not.

On the debit side, we have to report the final closure of Mark XI, Leicester. After various problems over the last few years, it was reluctantly agreed that this Mark could no longer operate as a traditional Mark, and that we were unable to use the building fully in any other way, and so it is to be disposed of. At the same time, hopes that we might find a smaller and more suitable property in place of Mark VI, Birmingham, have so far not been fulfilled.

As during the past few years, the number of branch closures has well outweighed the new growth, and in far too many places existing branches show every sign of having lost their sense of vision, and their capacity to involve new people. In other places branches are trying, as yet unsuccessfully, to work out a new and relevant role for the 1970's.

There is, however, a credit side which is just as important. The Region has been immensely strengthened by new staff appointments. Ray Fabes joined the Regional Staff and works now from Peterborough, and more recently Jimmy Cliffe was appointed part-time staff in Lincolnshire. Not only is this a numerical gain, but more important a gain in new ideas and new ways of working. The Region still remains seriously under-staffed, but there are encouraging signs, and we look forward to further re-inforcement shortly—Sue Cumming, who will be developing work with young people in the eastern side of the territory.

We have noted with pleasure the recog-

nition of two new branches, Wiggenhall St Germans (j) and Rushden Pytchley (w). There are new groups at Lincoln and Ollerton, and the beginnings of new young people's 'Action Groups' in Coalville and Birmingham.

Work projects in the Region have continued to develop, and various experiments have taken place. The most significant factor is the increasing readiness of District Teams to assume responsibility for initiating and planning 'projects', and during the year two-thirds of the projects were District-based. An experimental Drama Week at Dor Knap was most successful, and the Region is planning a repeat, while plans are also in train for a new project entitled 'How to Run a City—a Practical Introduction to the Helping Professions' in Peterborough, and a week in Yorkshire entitled 'Moor Walking and Railway Geography'.

Various branch and District activities are worthy of note. Norwich District conceived and ran a most successful 'Mini-Handi' dance for handicapped folk, which attracted over 300 people, and generated a tremendous amount of enthusiasm. This was an excellent example of a Toc H District aiming at something larger than it could tackle alone, and then going out to involve outsiders in achieving the objective. A large number of outsiders were involved, and many are still, after the event.

Ingoldmells branch in Lincolnshire has launched a Flashing Light Scheme with success, while Marsh District, also in Lincs, has acquired a caravan to provide holidays for families in need, with the help of a loan from the Family Purse, and a free site from the County Council.

Peterborough & Stamford District has been instrumental in launching a community newspaper in one of the new townships of Greater Peterborough, and first signs are that it is proceeding well.

Last summer Soar Valley District was host to a project group which helped to run a play-scheme in Loughborough for local children—this year the District itself has initiated a playscheme for mentally handicapped children, as an extension of its regular weekly job of running a creche for these children while parents shop.

The new group in Lincoln has successfully raised enough money to buy a Possum typewriter for a local school for handicapped boys, and in the process has explored a new variation of sponsored events—sponsored games.

Birmingham District has been assisting the Cathedral authorities in manning a 'community flat' for old people in the centre of the City, while the Birmingham 'Soup Run' for homeless men has been maintained and developed to four nights per week.

And, in the meantime, there are a number of branches which, although unable to quote dramatic practical achievements, have nevertheless continued to play highly valuable roles in their communities, some by maintaining regular, unsung, jobs, others by continuing to provide friendship and company for those for whom that is the overriding need. Others, by very virtue of the diversity of their membership, play a continuing part in the maintenance of harmony and understanding in their own localities, which is never dramatic until the harmony breaks down. This constant process



of quiet reconciliation and understanding is perhaps the aspect of the year in the Midlands which is the most important, and at the same time the least easy to pinpoint and report.

Sheldon House closed on 31 December 1972 as the building was no longer available, but the Management Committee remains in being. A working party to plan the future has been set up.

At the Annual General Meeting it was agreed that the Committee should co-operate to the extent of some financial help with St Basil's Centre—which exists in the city to provide help for homeless young men and which has given some help to girls also. The Working Party has been in touch with its leader.

### **Northern Region**

The Northern Region is now halfway through the three year experiment in Regionalisation, and welcomes the news that one other Region is considering a similar experiment. This cross fertilisation is necessary if the Movement is to derive the maximum benefit for its future working. There is little doubt that we cannot return completely to the old order of things and the new order whilst not yet known, will have to be flexible enough to allow variety. Already certain discernable factors are emerging and papers have been and are being produced for discussion by the leaders of the Movement.

The Region welcomes new staff to its company and hopes that its considered decisions on the deployment of Alan Daniels and Christine Bostock will indicate new ways of working and caring.

Yorkshire, whilst the Ridings will remain,

has completed the merger of East and West, and like many other parts of the Region demonstrated in a variety of ways 50 years of Toc H.

New growth is taking place in most parts of the Region and we welcome new branches at Pant in the Offa's Dyke District, at Alston, the highest market town in England, in the North Lakes District, at Rishton in the East Lancs District; new groups are in being at Bala, Barmouth and Doncaster. We regret the loss of branches and some faces in the Region which have gone.

Centres and camps are thriving in the Region. At Colsterdale, which grows in stature and use. At Weirside, where the so called senior members demonstrate an experience of fell and hill that tests men half their age. A new centre has been offered to the Movement, at Port Penryn, near Bangor. The Hon Douglas Pennant has undertaken the supply of premises on his estate that will accommodate some 30 folk, young or old. With the Menai Strait and the mountains of Wales all around there is no doubt that Port Penryn will be a well known name in the future of Toc H. The camps at Rhyl, Addinton and Alnmouth still cater for many satisfied customers and show our concern for the prisoner, the handicapped and the troubled, forging limbs of understanding, of acceptance, of need for real relations, whatever your colour or religion.

'Point Three' has carried the news of the Newcastle Centre, and suffice it to say we hope for great things here. Perhaps something of the unity that was evident in the Region in the presentation of this scheme to the Central Executive, will be seen in society.

A further two year programme of training is under way in the Region and it is encouraging that the membership is responding. Without the membership response not only does the experiment fail but the Movement fails.

Mark IV at Manchester continues on a fairly level keel and this year nearly broke even financially. As before it is an important meeting place for Toc H bodies, not least the Regional Council.

Mark XXIV at Liverpool once again had to register a deficit of over £1,000 but the warden, Alec Wood, and his wife, Liz, are to be congratulated on a year of greatly increased activity and improved spirit. The Management Committee is considering a number of structural alterations.

### **Scotland**

The usual activities continued to grow quietly north of the border and new ground has been broken by the arrival of Lilian Ayres to organise projects—a Toc H activity which had not hitherto started in Scotland. The seeds sown last year in the Island of Lewis are sprouting and consideration is being given to development based on Inverness.

The sad deaths of Drew Gardner and Jim McClure were heavy blows. Isabel Campbell moved to Campbelltown and she had to resign the Chairmanship, but Vera Inglis' membership of the Central Executive Committee is a great help in maintaining contact with the Centre and in supporting the staff.

### **South Eastern Region**

The South Eastern Region may be one vast



commuter belt encircling London but between the radials still lie the rural pockets and isolated villages: the patterns of suburbia differ vastly from those of bed-sitter land, the coastal retirement and dormitory towns, or the little country towns and villages in between. Many branches can still be truly classed as neighbourhood units. There are others whose members are scattered far and wide. Many members can find no branch within practicable reach.

Throughout the year there has been a steady stream of enquiries, mostly from younger people, offering their services or seeking to be put into touch with Toc H. Too often there is no immediate answer in the shape of a 'local' branch. Every year produces volunteers who have participated in some project and are ready for the next stage. Not all of them can be linked to an existing branch or group.

One of the most encouraging features of the year has been the development, here and there, of new groups of such people, sometimes in close collaboration with more traditional groupings, sometimes in isolation, but almost invariably as the result of hard and dedicated work by one or more individuals. It has been a prime objective of the Region to build access roads, not as some seem to think, sliproads, to link such 'unclassified routes' with the main highways of the Movement. The distinctions between 'projects' and 'branch life' are already blurred and the recipe for a good project is almost indistinguishable from the recipe for a good branch. The star grading is becoming meaningless.

Loughton branch has had an overwhelming programme of propagation of flashing lights, utilising its own film of this SOS scheme for elderly people living alone, and claims to have revitalised other branches by persuading them to adopt it and involve young helpers.

The Oxford University Group, which featured in a half-page spread in the 'Oxford Mail,' has gone from strength to strength. In

addition to visiting old and infirm people during term, a job that outstripped the capacity even of their 200 or so people and 'caused us to rope in a couple of schools', they raised £1200 in a term to finance an Easter holiday in Oxford for 150 Belfast children, a successful effort to be repeated this summer.

The Fairfield and Spring Parks Districts' joint development team has continued its transformation of South London with an ever more ambitious programme and the emergence of a new young group at Croydon. 1973 financial demands include at least £800 just for the camps being arranged at Diggate, near Folkestone, and Ravens Ait, on the Thames, and for the long term work with the children at Cheyne Hospital who suffer from spina bifida, or subnormal mentality. These and other regular commitments that give a new meaning to 'District development' entail a remarkable faith in fundraising ability and ingenuity. Another sponsored swim is also indicated.

In North London a new group is emerging as the result of a co-operative effort by Mark VII and Malcolm Wroe of the Projects Office. Malcolm and some of his fellow music students gave a much appreciated concert at a Hampstead Garden Suburb church and raised some £40.

South East London has two new District ventures in the pipeline, both summer play-schemes and the 'In Between Club', meeting in Bromley's headquarters, draws people from all over the Borough who are looking for fellowship. Equally valuable in its own way and typical of many branch activities is the modest supper/social and beetle drive run at intervals by Ealing women's branch in their headquarters, once the booking hall and waiting room of the adjacent station.

Hardy annuals like the combined operation by Orpington and Sevenoaks that gives seventy arthritics a trip into the Garden of England continue to flourish. So does the Annual Rally of the Beds, Herts & N Bucks Area. Held this time at Wolverton it featured a

Keep Fit Display and Flower Arrangement.

A Fashion Show in St Albans, staged by a local boutique, opened by a representative of the 'Herts Advertiser' and attended by the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, raised a substantial sum for the Family Purse and considerable hilarity when the Regional Leader trailed his coat on the catwalk and spoke of current fashions in Toc H.

The Surrey Projects Team continues its remarkable capacity not only to mount and finance a major programme of projects but also to attract and develop the interest of younger people. It is not pure coincidence that two such were invited along to the Surrey Projects AGM by a branch secretary and decided that if this was Toc H it was for them. The branch now has a young Chairman and jobmaster.

Samples, just samples. Plenty of others have to be omitted but there are also plenty of other spots where nothing has happened at all. The perturbing thing is that nothing will until somebody decides to do something about it. The encouraging thing is that more individuals and small groups of people are beginning to say that they will. If they do, more space will be needed next year.

It was perhaps almost inevitable that the major responsibility for the organisation of the National Marks Conference should fall upon the South Eastern Region but we are all indebted to the Chairman of the Mark II Management Committee, Jim Blake, and his Steering Committee, for the tremendous amount of work that went into the preparatory enquiries and subsequent planning and smooth running of the whole operation. We were fortunate in having such professional expertise available to us.

The outcome of the recommendations of the Conference is a matter for the Central Executive Committee but there can be no doubt that a great deal of benefit to the London Marks resulted from it and that a better relationship between them has been encouraged. They all have their differing



Many branches and individual members helped to ease the lot of the Asian refugees from Uganda. Barbara Ferryman, of the South Eastern Regional office, with a group of children at Hobbs Barracks resettlement centre, near Uckfield, Sussex.

Photo: Pat Rice



problems and their differing contributions to make but it has been heartening to know that, after all, they are still recognised as an essential part of the Movement. If Toc H is to be rebuilt in London, much will depend upon that recognition.

Mark VII, All Hallows House, Fitzroy Square, once the Vicarage of All Hallows By The Tower, celebrated its Golden Jubilee at the beginning of November, 1972. A Thanks-giving Service at St Martin-in-the-Fields and a Buffet Lunch at the Royal Commonwealth Society were both attended by the Deputy Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster and many past and present Marksmen. The loyalty and affection of former Hon Wardens and Marksmen is its own proof of the value of the Mark. The major building works have been completed at long last.

Mark XIII, The Brothers' House, Kennington, has also been greatly relieved to reach the end of the long drawn out structural alterations.

Mark II, Pimlico, now faces disruption again as the demands of the Fire Precautions Act are met, including the provision of an emergency staircase and various smoke lobbies that threaten the character of the House at times. Opportunity is being taken to create more single rooms from the multiples that have proved more difficult to fill. Bill and Bronwen Brittan, Warden and Housekeeper, in conjunction with the Westminster branch, have continued to develop the use of the House as a social centre and it is well placed to welcome some of its bed-sitterland neighbours.

Mark XX, Putney, encountered a difficult spell and the warden and Management Committee have not had an easy year's work.

Prideaux House, Hackney, suffered a series of major blows just before Christmas when the Warden, the Rev Gualter de Mello departed to work with the Ugandan Asian Refugees at West Malling Camp. The Hon Treasurer and Deputy Warden, House Secretary and cook all resigned and a



number of the residents who had formed part of the 'House Team' left. Then the Chairman of the Management Committee, the Rev Stanley Coulson, also resigned. All of them had made major contributions to the development of the House and its unique place in the community and we were very sorry indeed to see them go. The Management Committee and some of their friends showed their appreciation in tangible form before they did so. It was indeed fortunate that Major Roy Leech was available to take over as Warden for six months and ensure that the work of the house continued, to begin the building up of a new team and refill the house and to carry on the old welcome to friends and neighbours. A complete family of Ugandan Asians was accommodated for some time and made itself very much at home.

After an unhappy period the Croydon Centre is in an encouraging and happy state. Heavy expenditure over the year was due partly to much reduced income and largely to special expenditure on reconstructing, rewiring, redecorating and refurnishing. As anyone who visits the Centre will see the expenditure was well worthwhile and the spirit of the house under the new warden, Bob Mills, and the Toc H work being done there under the new Advisory Committee and in co-operation with all in the local District, give high hope for the future.

The 38 residents of Talbot House are involved in a variety of community work, as well as taking full responsibility for the day to day running of the house, through the residents' committee.

The work with the Asian community continues to expand and we have been particularly grateful for the support received from the East End Mission. Residents teach English, both to groups of boys and on a one-to-one basis to women in their homes. The programme of weekend camps and outings has been further expanded. The club for Bengali boys initiated by Talbot House has now been taken over by the youth service, and we are naturally encouraged by this official recognition of the need. In addition to

all these practical activities a good deal of time is inevitably spent helping individuals to understand the British social system.

Talbot House has also been closely involved with the development of the St Katharine Community Project since its inception.

### **Western Region**

As in previous years, the life of the Region continues to provide 'something old and something new'. The traditional pattern of branch life continues to be the main expression of Toc H in the Region, and there have been new ventures in this field in Bristol and Portsea with the formation of new groups in the heart of the city. At the same time, projects have continued to develop and expand.

An encouraging feature of the project growth has been the increasing local initiative and responsibility taken by Districts, notably in Mid Somerset, under Harry Oliver's leadership, and in East Devon. Similar eagerness to participate in this work has also been evident in the Isle of Wight, where Elizabeth Bacon has responsibility.

John Forbes has undertaken a series of visits to schools in Cornwall, which have resulted in schools requesting links with local units of Toc H, and in the recruitment of volunteers for projects. It is hoped to develop this work during the coming year.

In addition to the highly successful work done in the Bristol University group, including a weekend at Dor Knap led by Rickie Lowe, the branch in Lampeter University College, West Wales, provides an example of continued Toc H influence in this field over a period of many years.

Among the more unusual activities undertaken in the Region, has been Crispin White's highly successful 'Through the Eye of a Camera' project, which is to be repeated again this year. Other projects which are designed to 'open up new worlds' and widen the horizons of experience, are being held during this summer. An increased

awareness of the legacy of the past and the opportunities for true re-creation through the use of leisure time are among the aims of Toc H in seeking to help young and old alike to discover a fuller and deeper life.

For many years Alice Welford has run a lunch club in Exeter for the wives of overseas students. The effectiveness of this service of hospitality and friendship has been recognised by the British Council who have donated £50 to assist in this work.

A project which has been undertaken by branches in much of the Region has been a survey of the social hardship caused by the total withdrawal of public transport in many rural areas. It is hoped that this will provide information for a report to be submitted to the authorities, and also bring to light new opportunities of jobs to be undertaken by the local branch.

Very successful meetings of padres have been held at Exeter and Southampton, and a padres' conference has again been held at Dor Knap. The Western Area has had two very profitable all-day gatherings of Area and District Officers, in addition to an annual rally of members, Builders and friends. The annual South West Area Weekend continues to provide a meeting point and training for well over 100 members each year.

Perhaps the most interesting and encouraging thing which has happened, has been the decision of Alan Guy, working in Portsmouth as a Long Term Volunteer, to apply to join the Staff. This decision is evidence that Toc H 'experience' is still capable of winning a response, and suggests that the employment

**Toc H Services' Clubs in Germany today exist to serve the whole family. Wyn Howlett (left) welcomes soldiers' wives to the newly opened Families Room at the club in Wolfenbuttel, of which Wyn and her husband are wardens.**



of Long Term Volunteers may be a means of eventual staff recruitment and of pre-staff training in the field.

Mark V Southampton, after a period in the doldrums, is now under weigh once more. In order to encourage its enthusiastic Management Committee and in the light of rising costs, £3,000 of the loan outstanding to the Family Purse under its self-controlled five year plan was written off. The House is running as a traditional Mark under a new energetic part-time warden and with a number of eager marksmen who have done some excellent work in it. The new 'stable' block was formally opened at the end of the year under review.

Mark XVI Swindon, one of the smallest and most efficient of the Marks, continued its effective and comparatively untroubled operation and this year made a welcome surplus of £658.

During the course of the year the Talbot House Seafaring Boys' Club changed its name and is now known as Talbot House Young Seafarers' Club, this being a more appropriate and up-to-date description of the body of people whom it seeks to serve. The Club has continued to carry out its quiet but worthwhile work under the efficient direction of its Management Committee and Staff, and has earned many commendations both of its atmosphere and its functional efficiency.

It has continued to receive generous financial support from the King George's Fund for Sailors, from the shipping companies and the Merchant Navy Welfare Board, and from local Toc H. To all of these, and to all its many friends, the Club would wish to express its thanks for their continuing generosity and support.







During 1972, we had the pleasure of welcoming 50 overseas visitors to Headquarters.

In August, when the main administrative offices moved to Wendover, the International Office returned to its former 'home' at Crutched Friars House.

Toc H in South Africa, Rhodesia, Australia and New Zealand have all affiliated with Toc H in the UK.

#### **Australia**

There are 46 branches, with a total membership of approximately 600. The Hon Australian Chairman, Mr Douglas Dickinson, reports that the outstanding feature of the work of Toc H in Australia during the past 12 months has been the amazing progress in the organisation and installation of Emergency Flashing Lights. Once the initial move had been made, it seemed the enthusiasm of members increased rapidly and progress was greater than expected. Many other forms of service are being carried out faithfully and well and, despite the high average age of members, the amount of work undertaken is surprising and speaks well for the spirit in which it is given.

In Queensland, all branches have supported Bribie Island branch, and extensive repairs and improvements are being undertaken before Congeau House is re-opened as a holiday home for handicapped and underprivileged people. Most of the work has been voluntary. In South Australia, the youth groups continue to flourish, with some 140 people involved. Four of the leaders have accepted Toc H membership. In Tasmania, the Flashing Lights Scheme has been the main activity, and senior pupils from a local school are being encouraged to form a group, to help service the light installations. A total of 280 lights have been installed in

Victoria, and in Western Australia a mobile lending library has been introduced. Toc H Australia has lost this year through death a number of faithful and well-loved friends—'Jacmac' and 'Putt' to name but two. A Memorial Fund for our Founder Padre is being considered, and plans are being made to organise a public appeal. Efforts are being made to find a young staff person, with responsibility for forming Toc H youth groups.

#### **India**

The new Constitution has now been finalised and Toc H India has been registered under the Charitable Societies' Act.

During the year, District Teams have been formed in Bombay, Chola, Madras, Pandyan, Trivandrum and the West Coast District. The branches formed at Cochin and Quilon are functioning well, the main project undertaken by Cochin branch being to ensure that

**Orlando branch in the African township of Soweto near Johannesburg, South Africa, supplies over 100 needy families at prices they can afford. At the right of the picture, with his back to the camera, is Ben Motswenyane, the newly appointed African member of staff.**

Photo: Dan T Tlekettle





people suffering from TB and leprosy receive the necessary treatment. The branch has also been active in efforts to eliminate begging in the city. Dr Fletcher, a former member of Cochin branch who was responsible for starting its first free dispensary, has recently emigrated to Australia, where he was put in touch with Toc H in Sydney and is now working in a hospital there. Thanjavur branch members are closely involved in church work, and members of Trivandrum visit hospitals and distribute books there. Fort branch, Bombay has received from Northampton District the gift of a projector and screen, to enable it to develop its film unit. Cannanore group is helping unemployed girls to lead useful lives by supplying sewing machines to a work centre. A new group has been formed at Salem.

### **New Zealand**

At the Annual Conference of Toc H New Zealand in June, Sir Arthur Harper retired from the position of Honorary Commissioner after many years' loyal service to the Movement in this capacity. His successor is Mr Arthur Burge, a much-respected and long-standing member of Wellington branch. The Conference afforded good publicity for Toc H, the proceedings being televised. The ten branches are actively involved in a wide variety of community service, such as film units, work with children's hospitals, and work with the elderly. Dunedin branch has recently started a Toc H Older Citizens' Club, which is a great success and has just celebrated its first birthday. The Toc H Athletic Club in Christchurch is thriving, with over 200 young people in the junior section. Oamaru branch operate a telephone friendship service for the sick and housebound. Wellington branch rounded off the year with the initiation of three new members. Nelson branch are investigating the possibility of beginning a hospital radio service, this being the first time Toc H New Zealand has entered this field.

### **Rhodesia**

Toc H Rhodesia continues to expand, three new groups being formed during the year at Gwelo, Salisbury and Umtali, making a

total of 31 branches. Efforts during recent years to find a full-time field staff worker have so far been unsuccessful. To help fill this gap, the Staff Secretary, Mrs Peggy Cowey, and the Chairman of the Northern Executive, Mr Frank Guest, have both agreed to do a certain amount of travelling on a 12 months trial basis. Mr Fred Stoodley has been appointed National Publicity Officer. The Senior Citizens' Club in Bulawayo has grown so much that larger premises have been provided for them by the Municipality. The three Toc H Houses are well-maintained and continue to provide a home for 120 young men. The Toc H Volunteer group at the African Teacher Training College, Umtali, has an enrolment of over 67 members, and has worked so hard during the last year that it has managed to revolutionise the outlook of the College students.

### **South Africa**

Having completed a year of amalgamation, at national level and in most Areas there is a true spirit of unity. There are 80 branches in South Africa, with a total membership of 928. On the whole, Areas report there has been little recruitment in the last 12 months, and the number of prospective members does not show a high growth percentage. The majority of the Volunteer groups have closed during the year. In August, Miss Rina Cloete was appointed to the field staff and is presently based in the Border Area. In December, Mr Ben Motswenyane was appointed to the staff, this being the first time ever that Toc H South Africa has had the services of a full-time African staff man. Both Vernon Openshaw and Craig Leeman left the staff in December, leaving only Rina and Ben in the field. Both have the backing of a Staff Planning Team, with whom they work very closely.

Four Toc H Gift Shops have been opened in the Transvaal and are operating most successfully, each one raising funds for a specific area of need, including feeding schemes, helping the mentally handicapped, child welfare and helping the aged. At Etembeni, the TB Settlement has recently achieved the status of a training hospital.

The first of the clinics is about to be built away from the Settlement, at Emolweni (one of the valleys in the Valley of a Thousand Hills) where Africans can be screened and examined by trained staff. At least three others are being planned.

Under the leadership of the National President, Alf Coates, a great deal of headway has been made in involving coloured and African people in Toc H. Orlando is a growing and flourishing branch, engaged in a variety of projects, including an African feeding scheme. The first African women's branch has recently been formed at Orlando, and one of its first projects has been to start a Saturday afternoon club for children. Gomo and Steenburg African branches are also active, and there is a small but flourishing Toc H group at Etembeni TB Settlement. The appointment of Ben Motswenyane is a tremendous step forward, and Ben has lost no time in starting his campaign to get African people involved in helping their needy.

### **Lone Branches**

Toc H branches in Argentina and Chile have continued to serve the community in a variety of ways, despite increased political and economic difficulties.

In Canada, the four small branches in Montreal, Toronto, Victoria and Vancouver are active, but there are no signs of growth in the Movement in Canada. Hong Kong women's branch is regularly visiting an old ladies' home and a youth hostel for young teenage girls in a very poor area of Kowloon. Jamaica men's branch reports a decline in numbers through the death of three of its members, but although numbers are small members maintain a steady performance of activities and service. Khotscng branch, Lesotho, again arranged a Christmas party at Botsobelo Leper Settlement. South African members from the Orange Free State Area have been in personal contact with the Lesotho branch. Paris women's branch has recently initiated three new members and is increasing its work with the elderly.

**Sandy Giles** *Director*



The mini-handi dance arranged by Norwich District attracted over 300 people. Toc H members and young volunteers from local schools helped to entertain the handicapped guests.



**We remember with thanksgiving the lives of**

HRH The Duke of Windsor  
First Patron of Toc H

The Rev Philip Bayard Clayton,  
Founder Padre

Sir William Arnold  
Bailiff of Guernsey and a Vice-President

Eric Benson  
Area Treasurer, West Midlands

'Ajax' Brown,  
Southern Area member

Ted Cornick,  
South Dorset District Chairman

Drew Gardner,  
Central Councillor, Scotland

Charles Kewn,  
Caretaker, 15 Trinity Square

Jim McClure  
founder of Dundee Toc H television

The Rev Bob Purdy,  
Toc H staff 1944-67

The Rev Eric Saywell,  
Toc H staff 1945-51 and All Hallows 1964-71

Sydney Swain,  
appointed 'Master Builder' in 1956

Lady Tredgold,  
President of the Women's Association in  
Rhodesia until amalgamation

Marianne Turner,  
who was Chaplain to the Women's Association

Sir Henry Willink,  
one time Mark Warden, Chairman of the  
Central Executive, Vice-President and Trustee





# the accounts

The effect on our finances of the sale of 15 Trinity Square is shown in these Accounts.

The deficit on the year's operations was £18,723 compared with that of 1972 of £39,459. The deficit has largely been liquidated by transferring from the Legacy Account £16,384 leaving a net shortage of £2,338 which has been debited to the Accumulated Fund.

## Income

The record of income has two outstanding features. First the sharp decline in the total contributions made by and through the membership, including Special Efforts, from £52,673 to £46,410; a reduction of £6,263 or 11.9 per cent. In part this can be attributed to the decrease in membership of 5.1 per cent. Neither the decline in Family contributions nor the further decline in membership can be accepted with complacency by any who have faith in the value of Toc H in the present and in the future. Second is the increased income received from investments and interest amounting to £119,459. The total income received from these sources was £136,000.

The surpassing of the estimated income has arisen out of the prudent decision to refrain from increasing to any extent our holdings of Wider Range investments during the continuance of the unstable conditions which have prevailed in the equity market during the year. We have therefore invested funds of £1,020,000 on deposit on which remunerative rates of interest have been received. When market conditions become favourable most of this will be invested in the Wider Range and will earn a smaller but increasing income and will provide the opportunity for the necessary capital growth required to offset the erosion of real money values, part of which capital growth will be available for current expenditure in accordance with the policy adopted some years ago.

## Expenditure

Total expenditure increased by £76,700 (51 per cent) from £150,667 to £227,537. However this year's figure includes non-recurring items which cost £28,087 made up as follows: Cost of implementing new salary and pension scales for period November 1 1971 to March 31 1972 £9,200; repairs to Talbot House, Poperinge £1,838; Founder

Padre's Special Fund £2,750; moving Administrative HQ £14,299. When the Staff and Pensions £9,200 is added to the 1972 expenditure and the non-recurring items are excluded the rise in ordinary annual expenditure is seen to be £39,583 (25 per cent), of which salaries and pensions account for £19,504.

## Communications

The considerable increased expenditure on all items under this heading has been caused by both higher costs and greater usage.

## Marks and Centres

The overall financial results of the Marks' working shows a welcome improvement in the smaller deficit of £3,611 as compared with that of £6,646 in the previous year. Efforts to attain still further improvements of our investments declined by 10 per cent. During the year £894,465 was invested and the investments position at March 31 1973 is shown to extraordinary circumstances referred to elsewhere in the Annual Report.

## Capital

**Investments** The state of the Stock Market was adverse throughout the year, during which the index fell by 12½ per cent. The market value of our investments declined by 10 per cent. During the year £894,465 was invested and the investments position at March 31 1973 is shown below:

April 1 1972		March 31 1973	
Book Value	Market Value	Book Value	Market Value
£299,290	£489,866	£1,193,755	£1,241,705

## Properties, Equipment and Motor Vehicles

In the course of the year 15 Trinity Square, the Bristol Centre and two staff houses were sold and seven staff houses were purchased.



## Liquidity

Including the capital sum of £1,020,000 awaiting investment current assets exceed current liabilities by £965,680.

## Builders' Subscriptions and Legacies

Once again it is a real pleasure to thank our Builders for their valuable support which is of the greatest help to us all. We have during the year received legacies amounting to £47,322. For these and the thoughts which inspired them we give thanks. In doing so we also extend our thanks to those who have been concerned in passing these legacies to us.

## Deeds of Covenant

For the first time the accounts show the recoveries of Income Tax on subscriptions and donations paid under Deeds of Covenant. They total nearly £14,000.

Here is clear evidence of the extra support which is given by 'Covenanters'. We thank all we have and invite others to join their ranks.

## Services Work

### Talbot House Young Seafarers' Residential Club, Southampton

During the year the club changed its name in order to be more descriptive of the work being undertaken.

The club has had a very successful year which produced a good financial result. The excess of Income over Expenditure amounted to £1,058 from which the Management Committee have transferred £1,000 into their Repairs Reserve Account which now stands at £3,200.

We are very grateful to the King George's Fund for Sailors who this year increased their donation to our work from £2,000 to £2,500.

## BAOR Clubs

Last year we reported record results, this year those very good figures have been substantially exceeded with turnover at £449,000 and a surplus of £15,000. These remarkable figures give evidence of the hard work and good spirit of our BAOR team to whom we send our thanks and congratulations.

## Comment

### The Family Purse

Simple and homely words which remind us, first that we are a Family, second that we are a Family to which has been entrusted the blessing

of material possessions and third that these possessions are a Trust which is the responsibility of the whole Family and not only of Mum and Dad—which is perhaps to some too kindly a manner in which to think of the Central Executive Committee and its sub-committees, which include the Central Finance Committee.

Like all Family Purses it receives and gives. It receives from all the members of the Family, who as individuals are solely responsible for assessing their contributions. It receives from the many friends of the Family. It receives legacies from members and friends who have died and whose love for and belief in the values of Toc H have convinced them that after their day the spirit and leadership of Toc H should still live and be a strength to the younger generation and those still to come in the years ahead. And finally from the first days of Toc H it has received generous gifts of property and money, some large and some small but all given in love and faith, to assist Toc H in the furtherance of the purpose for which God created it. It is very largely because of this generosity and the wise and farsighted stewardship of past 'Mums and Dads' that the Family Purse today is not in the straitened circumstances which obtained until 18 months ago. Yes, the situation is easier today but lack of the exercise of responsible stewardship by the whole membership could, and most probably would, result in a worse situation than any yet experienced.

And the Family Purse gives. The giving is in the main to the Family to enable the members to fulfil, in their diverse ways, their accepted responsibilities to others. By far the biggest charge on the Family Purse is the maintenance of a dedicated staff whose prime concerns are to advise, guide and help the Family in all aspects of its life: to widen its outlook and understanding and to foster its growth both in spirit and in numbers. The Family Purse provides monies for the establishment and/or operation of Marks and Centres. This year the North East district, through the Northern Regional Council, asked for financial aid to set up the 'Newcastle Centre' described in the June issue of *Point Three*. The proposal was closely examined by the Executive and the Finance Committee and the required finance provided, in all up to £25,000. It will be noted that the initiative for this came from the District and not from the Central Executive. The Family Purse finances projects, wherein perhaps lies a great part of the future of Toc H. The Family Purse provides interest free loans or, in special circumstances, outright grants to branches for specified purposes. Last year a Revolving Fund of £50,000 was established from which interest free loans are available to branches for the improvement or development of their premises; surprisingly there has been comparatively little response to this; why not?

The Central Executive Committee and its sub-committees are by no



means the sole initiators of proposals which involve the use of Family Purse income, nor should they be. Nevertheless theirs is the responsibility for ensuring that this is used to provide the maximum benefits and to this end they must examine any and every request or proposal which any part of the Family may bring forward. The opportunities open to, and the needs of individual branches of the Family cannot be known to these Committees unless they are made aware of them by the branches. Every reasoned proposal is considered with sympathy and care. The needs of one have to be weighed with compassion against the needs of others and of the whole Family. It is inevitable that some of the proposals cannot be accepted and that disappointment in these cases will ensue. That there should be such disappointment is understandable but in a caring and united family it will be accepted without bitterness. There should be no hesitation in putting forward carefully considered proposals which clearly show that their adoption would involve the membership and/or lead to the growth of Toc H.

The Family Purse belongs to and is to be supported and used by the Family—that is the membership who, in the ultimate have to exercise stewardship of it.

We are all committed to Toc H; part of that commitment is to the support and the use of the Family Purse which is a responsibility of us all.

## Questions

We will be pleased to endeavour to answer any questions you may wish to ask on these Accounts. If you have any questions will you please assist us by letting us have them at least ten days before the Council meets.

## Conclusion

So another year in the life of the Family of Toc H has been recorded. We now have considerable material resources but a membership diminishing in numbers. Is the shrinkage one of numbers alone or does it perhaps arise from a shrinkage of spirit? Have we faith in the future of Toc H or have we fears that the reduction in numbers will be repeated to the ultimate, which would be the end of the Family? If we have faith are we doing sufficient to build the future? If we are without hope for the future should we not face up to this now? We ask the questions, they can only be answered by the membership.

G W U Liddle *Hon Treasurer*  
G E Barnett *Finance Secretary*

## Legacies

Toc H is deeply grateful for the following legacies:

*Received for the year ended 31 March 1973*

	£
Mrs E Berwick	100
S V Berwick	142
Miss J Brennan	250
A R Coleman	100
Miss E Collett	100
Miss E Denny	627
Miss E Gillings	74
F Goldsworthy	100
F Halsall	1,748
Miss H Halsall	2,018
Miss A Hamer	25
Miss E M Harriss	300
A D Holbrow	100
R O Jones	5
Miss E M Knott	100
Mrs F E Langford	4,457
Rev E J Leeke	20
Miss C Miller	5
Mrs M D Monger	18,713
Mrs F O M Preston	357
Major A R Pym	50
R E G Read	2,453
Mrs J Richardson	1,500
H B Secretan	7,978
Mrs F M Speakman	2,000
Miss M M Taylor	200
Miss H A Vercoe	100
Miss M Z Watson	100
Miss H I Willis	2,754
Miss M Woods	200

**£46,676**

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## Toc H

**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 1973**

Year to  
31 March 1972

£		£	£
74,394	Salaries		106,285
4,048	Staff Pension Fund		3,854
5,090	Staff Pensioners		11,297
15,627	Travelling Expenses		19,342
2,106	Overseas Expenses		1,870
4,374	Rent, Rates and Insurance		5,119
1,196	Heat and Light		1,471
5,251	Post and Phone		7,786
4,696	Printing and Stationery		5,623
—	Print Room		1,112
853	Professional Fees		2,348
1,600	Repairs & Renewals Office Furniture & Equipment		3,981
3,210	Repairs to Premises		7,543
1,263	Conferences		2,065
1,321	Office and General Expenses		4,701
3,518	Publicity		4,658
6,899	Interest on Loans and Bank Charges		3,302
3,650	Depreciation		4,650
1,453	Deficit on Publications		1,907
—	Repairs Talbot House Poperinge		1,838
—	Founder Padre's Special Fund		2,750
—	Expenses in connection with moving Administrative HQ to Wendover		14,299
	Excess Expenditure over Income		
6,646	Marks	3,611	
484	Bristol Centre	—	
1,877	Croydon Centre	4,152	
979	Dor Knap	1,348	
132	Projects	625	9,736
£150,667			£227,537
39,459	Balance, being Gross Deficit, brought down		18,722
£39,459			£18,722



Year to  
31 March 1972

£		£	£	£
8,143	Special Efforts			7,395
44,530	Subscriptions and Contributions from Branches and Members and Overseas		27,069	
	Tax Recovered on Deeds of Covenant		11,946	39,015
	Builders' Subscriptions		7,761	
10,979	Tax Recovered on Deeds of Covenant		1,796	9,557
6,513	Donations			7,322
—	Income from Investments and Bank Interest		135,736	
	Less Amounts due to other Funds :			
—	Chaplaincy Endowments	3,205		
—	Talbot House Poperinge	751		
10,724	Other Special Funds	1,660	5,616	130,120
22,848	Rents Receivable			9,343
	Amounts Transferred from Other Funds			
	Chaplaincy Endowments		5,099	
7,103	Anonymous Gift		947	6,046
148	Sundry Receipts			17
	Excess Income over Expenditure :			
220	Crutched Friars			—
39,459	Balance, being Gross Deficit, carried down			18,722
£150,667				£227,537
13,673	Amount Transferred from Legacies			16,384
25,786	Excess of Expenditure over Income Transferred to Accumulated Fund			2,338
£39,459				£18,722



## Toc H

## Balance Sheet 31 March 1973

		Toc H	Toc H Women's Association	Total
31 March 1972		£	£	£
523,629	<b>Accumulated Fund</b> (see note 1)	2,419,103	17,088	2,436,191
12,787	<b>Funds Held for Future Expenditure</b> (see note 2)	27,166		27,166
143,441	<b>Funds Held for Special Purposes</b> (see note 3)	134,394	9,605	143,999
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
79,854	Bank Overdraft Secured	30,468		30,468
—	Alison House Current Account	3,454		3,454
67,623	Loans from Branches and Members Unsecured	51,607		51,607
11,811	Sundry Creditors and Income Received in Advance	42,645		42,645
1,148	Current Account Contra		1,713	1,713
<b>£840,293</b>		<b>£2,708,837</b>	<b>28,406</b>	<b>2,737,243</b>

**Note:**

There are contingent liabilities in respect of Grants received from the British Council in relation to building work as follows:

Mark IV	Manchester	£7,642
Mark XX	Putney	£8,640



31 March 1972		Toc H	Toc H Women's Association	Total
£		£	£	£
	<b>Investments</b>			
299,290	at Cost or at Valuation when given			
	Market Value :	1,165,349	28,406	1,193,755
	1973 £1,218,456 £23,249			
	1972 £462,767 £27,099			
493,304	<b>Freehold and Leasehold Properties, Furniture, Equipment and Motor Vehicles (see note 4)</b>	447,921		447,921
	<b>Current Assets</b>			
12,380	Toc H Services Current Account	15,647		15,647
30,598	Sundry Debtors and Payments in Advance	56,549		56,549
3,573	Cash at Banks and in Hand	1,658		1,658
	Bank Deposit	1,020,000		1,020,000
1,148	Current Account Contra	1,713		1,713
<b>£840,293</b>		<b>£2,708,837</b>	<b>28,406</b>	<b>2,737,243</b>

G W U Liddle *Hon Treasurer*G E Barnett *Finance Secretary*



# Notes on the Accounts 31 March 1973

## Note 1 Accumulated Fund

	£	£
General Funds at 31 March 1972		472,531
<i>Add</i> receipts in respect of completed developments	1,598	
<i>Add</i> Profit on Realisation of Properties		
15 Trinity Square	1,870,965	
Other Properties	22,806	1,895,369
		2,367,900
<i>Less</i> Contribution to Tubby Clayton Memorial Fund		10,000
		2,357,900
<i>Less</i> Excess Expenditure over Income 31 March 1973		2,338
		<u>2,355,562</u>
<b>Legacies Fund</b>		
Balance at 31 March 1973	34,903	
<i>Add</i> Legacies received during the year	47,322	
	82,225	
<i>Less</i> Legacies earmarked for branches and other work	2,300	
	79,925	
<i>Less</i> Amount transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	16,384	63,541
		<u>£2,419,103</u>
<b>Toc H Women's Association Accumulated Fund</b>		
General Funds at 31 March 1972	6,267	
Expansion Fund at 31 March 1972	8,675	
Crutched Friars House Fund at 31 March 1972	1,253	16,195
		16,195
<i>Add</i> Profit on Sales of Investments	893	893
		<u>£17,088</u>
		<u><b>£2,436,191</b></u>



## Notes on the Accounts 31 March 1973

## Note 2 Funds held for future expenditure

	Balances 31 March 1972 £	Add Receipts & Transfers £	Add Charged to I & E Account £	Deduct Outgoings & Transfers £	Balances 31 March 1973 £
Reserve for Repairs — General	1,413		3,960	3,840	1,533
Reserve for Repairs — Marks	1,849	5,108	14,626	8,130	13,453
Superannuation and Benefit Reserve	5,072	1,929		658	6,343
Special Gift Under Covenant	4,453	2,331		947	5,837
	<b>£12,787</b>	<b>£9,368</b>	<b>£18,586</b>	<b>£13,575</b>	<b>£27,166</b>



## Notes on the Accounts 31 March 1973

## Note 3 Funds held for special purposes

	Balances 31 March 1972 £	Add Income £	Deduct Outgoings £	Balances 31 March 1973 £
Endowment of Chaplaincies Fund	69,308			69,308
Wakefield Fund	10,000			10,000
Chaplaincy Endowment Income	5,390	4,518	5,099	4,809
Services Account	22,861			22,861
Other Funds	25,635	1,801	20	27,416
	£133,194	£6,319	£5,119	£134,394
<b>Toc H Women's Association</b>				
Ellison Travel Fund	1,797	30		1,827
Staff Provident Fund	4,899	446	1,118	4,227
Crutched Friars Endowment Fund	3,551			3,551
	£10,247	£476	£1,118	£9,605
	<b>£143,441</b>	<b>£6,795</b>	<b>£6,237</b>	<b>£143,999</b>



## Notes on the Accounts 31 March 1973

## Note 4 Property, equipment and motor vehicles

	Balances 31 March 1972 £	Additions at Cost £	Sales at Written Down Value £	Depreciation £	Balances 31 March 1973 £
<b>Toc H</b>					
Freehold Properties at Cost or Value when given	530,972	123,881	230,129		424,724
Leasehold Property at Cost, <i>Less</i> amounts written off	2,156			308	1,848
Furniture and Equipment at Cost, <i>Less</i> amounts written off	10,631			1,391	9,240
Motor Vehicles at Cost, <i>Less</i> amounts written off	9,537	9,350	2,657	4,121	12,109
	<b>£553,296</b>	<b>£133,231</b>	<b>£232,786</b>	<b>£5,820</b>	<b>£447,921</b>

Depreciation is charged in the Accounts as follows:

<b>Toc H</b>	4,650
Marks	484
Dor Knap	468
Croydon	118
Services	100
	<b>£5,820</b>



## Toc H Services Fund

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 1973

12 months to  
31 March 1972

£		£
68,849	Salaries and Wages (including Staff Welfare)	84,144
281,899	Canteen and Shop Goods	310,325
6,830	Rent, Rates and Insurance	11,241
5,181	Heating and Lighting	5,629
508	Printing and Stationery	525
1,541	Postage and Telephone	2,340
227	Laundry Charges	289
2,689	Publicity and General Expenses	2,742
4,344	Travelling Expenses	4,981
8,049	Repairs, Renewals and Equipment	10,175
1,000	Transfer to Repairs Reserve THYSFC	1,000
10,855	Excess of Income over Expenditure carried to Balance Sheet	15,347
<b>£391,972</b>		<b>£448,738</b>

### Balance Sheet as at 31 March 1973

31 March 1972

£		£	£
	<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
58,593	Sundry Creditors and Accrued Charges	68,538	
12,380	Headquarters Current Account	15,647	84,185
	<b>Toc H Services Fund</b>		
	Balance as at 1 April 1972	26,443	
26,443	Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	15,347	41,790
<b>£97,416</b>			<b>£125,975</b>

#### To the Central Council of Toc H

In our opinion :

- The annexed Accounts and notes of Toc H (not including Toc H Services' Fund) set out on pages 22 to 29 give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Toc H as at 31 March 1973 and of its income and expenditure account for the year ended on that date and
- The above Accounts of Toc H Services Fund, in which the amounts included in respect of the Services Clubs are based upon the returns received from Officers of the Clubs, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Fund as at 31 March 1973 and of its income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

HEMSLEY MILLER & COMPANY Chartered Accountants  
Finsbury Court, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2 25 July 1973



12 Months to  
31 March 1972

£		£
3,165	Donations for General and Overseas Work	3,583
—	Grants from the Ministry of Defence	—
742	Interest	845
388,065	Canteen, Shop and Billeting Receipts	444,310
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£391,972		£448,738

31 March 1972

£		£
<b>Current Assets</b>		
46,198	Cash at Bank and in hands of Officials and Army Pay Office	63,768
44,757	Stock at the lower of Cost or net Realisable Value	51,234
6,461	Sundry Debtors and Payments in Advance	10,973
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97,416		£125,975

**To the Central Council of Toc H Women's Association**

In our opinion the Balance Sheet and notes of the Toc H Women's Association set out on pages 22 to 29 give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 31 March 1973.

G W U Liddle *Hon Treasurer*  
G E Barnett *Finance Secretary*



# The Central Executive Committee 1972/73 Membership Statistics

## Toc H

**Chairman:** Mrs B Cornick JP

**Hon Treasurer:** G W U Liddle MBE

**Director:** Sir Alexander Giles KBE CMG

**Headquarters Padre:** The Rev A G Knight

**General Secretary:** G A Francis

Mrs C Anderton	Mrs D G Longley
H O Brier	H D Mills
A J Brooke	Dr S F Mitchell
Mrs A M Cook JP	J R Morgan
J C Cutt	Mrs M C Nicholson
T A R Gulliver	Miss B M Pugh
T J Hulbert	Mrs J Rauch
Mrs V E M Inglis	M R Secker
Mrs J Jones	R S Thorne
D E Lockhart	

## Toc H Women's Association (continuing)

**Hon Treasurer:** G W U Liddle MBE

**Director:** Sir Alexander Giles KBE CMG

**Hon Chaplain:** The Rev A G Knight

**General Secretary:** G A Francis

Mrs M Berry	Mrs D G Longley
Mrs B Cornick JP	Mrs M Nicholson
Miss D G Edwards	Miss B M Pugh
Mrs Y Frymann	Mrs J Rauch
Mrs R Griffiths	

## Members

1971-72      1972-73

Membership figures are compiled from branch rolls received up to June 1973, and include last recorded figures for those branches which failed to return rolls

	14,157	13,433
New members elected to March 31, 1973	709	768
Branches	950	918
New branches	13	10
Branches closed	75	37
Groups	38	21
Builders	4,804	4,466
Associates	293	266



# The staff of Toc H as at 1 September 1973

## At Headquarters

Director: Sir Alexander Giles KBE CMG  
 Headquarters Padre: The Rev A G Knight  
 International Secretary: Mrs G Lynn  
 Editor *Point Three*: K Prideaux-Brune

## At Administrative Headquarters

General Secretary: G A Francis  
 Assistant General Secretaries: Miss J L Green, K A Rogers JP  
 Finance Secretary: G E Barnett  
 Accountant: J B A Kirby  
 Public Relations Secretary: C H Gibbs MAIE  
 Registrar: G B Dixon  
 Bankers: Barclays Bank Ltd., 78 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5JN  
 Auditors: Hemsley Miller & Company  
 Hon Legal Advisers: Herbert Oppenheimer, Nathan & Vandyk  
 Solicitors: Ponsford & Devenish, Tivendale & Munday

## Regional staff

Midland Region: J W Cliffe, Miss S Cumming, R C Fabes,  
 Miss H Geater, Rev J Hull, G L Lee, J E Mitchell, C J Trinder

Northern Region: W W Bains, Miss C Bostock, A Daniels,  
 Mrs A Davidson, A E Dudman, J B MacMillan

Scottish Region: Mrs L Ayres, D J M Russell  
 South Eastern Region: Miss J M Auton, W E Brittan, J Burgess,  
 F C Campbell, P East, L E Gosden, B Griffin, R F Mills,  
 Rev M B Perkins, C Walton

Western Region: Miss E J Bacon, Rev K M Beck, H Buckle,  
 J H W Forbes, A Guy, F H A Olver, Rev C M White, W Youngs.

## Services' Clubs, BAOR

Commissioner: K R Rea DFM  
 Berlin: A Laing; Munster: A Crowder; Paderborn: J Sowerby;  
 Verden: L Harvie; Wolfenbuttel: F Howlett



